

A New FRTEP Program: Kalispel Tribal Extension

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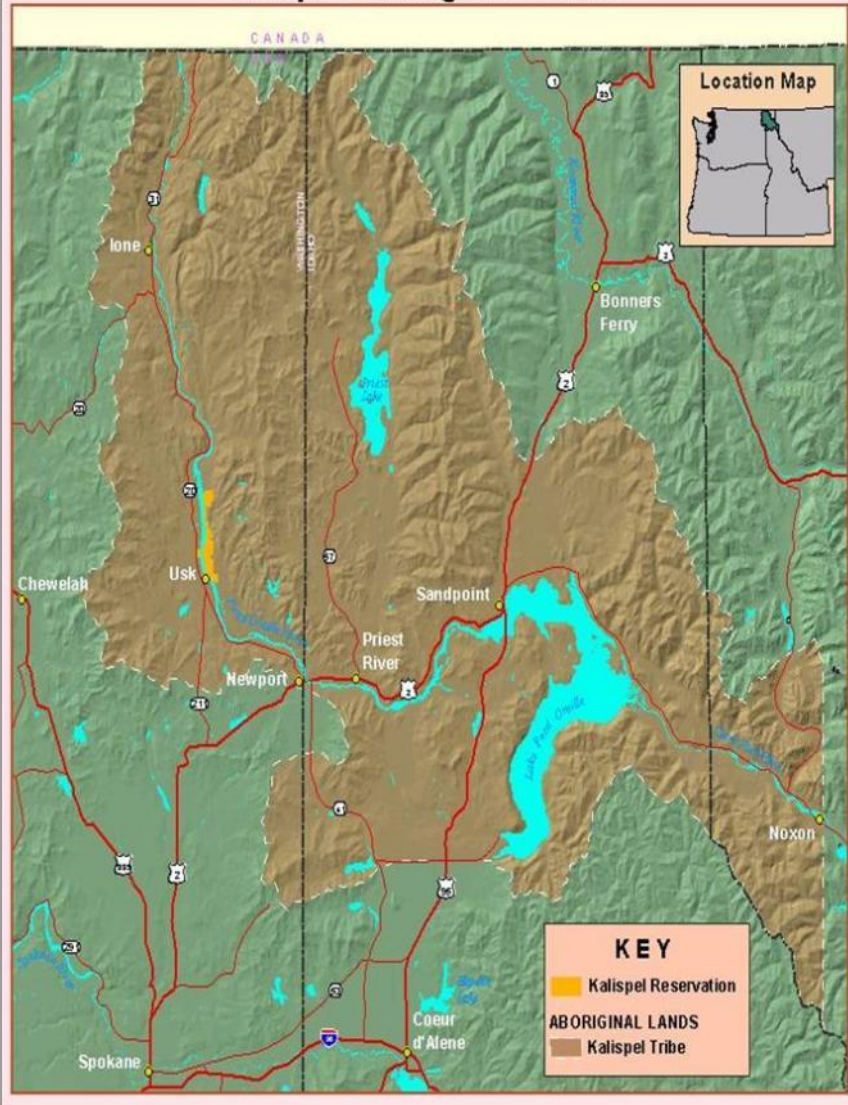
ENERGY

COMMUNITIES





Kalispel Aboriginal Lands



Kalispel Tribe of Indians

- Reservation location: 55 miles north of Spokane WA. 4,654 acres
- along 10 miles of Pend Oreille River, 4000+ acres additional trust land.
- Over 400 enrolled members.
- Tribe is strongly committed to serve wider community.
- Approximately 54 percent of current membership is under age 18.



Pre-FRTEP: Extension lacked staff or time to adequately meet Tribal needs

- Buffalo enterprise (35 years ago)
- *Sense of Place* Stewardship Outreach supported by Kalispel Tribe Natural Resources Department (12 years)
- WSU Extension Food\$ense Program (10 years)
- Culture and language program ties





23 member FRTEP Advisory Committee



Social Services



Kalispel Career
Training Center



Senior Program

Youth
programs



Culture and
Language
Programs



Four working committees based on needs

1. **Youth Programs** including cultural elements, health and wellness, and STEM emphasis, especially 4-H.
2. **Food Sovereignty**
Native foods—gathering and site restoration.
Garden and Farm—home and community.
3. **Healthy Eating and Food Safety** that melds research-based science with cultural traditions.
4. **Natural Resources**—linking KNRD with University and County resources.



Office and Staff

New office—Kalispel Career Training Center
85 Tule Road, Cusick WA

- PD, Natural Resources and Agriculture —Carol Mack
- Youth Program Coordinator—Barbara Cottrell
- Office Manager/Food Safety Advisor—Carla Pogson



Office and Staff

Staff Training:

- **4-H Western Institute** week in Albuquerque (KNRD travel support).
- Advisory Committee trip to Colville FRTEP program.
- Grant-writing workshops.
- Kalispel Encampment, Culture Camp and Herbal Workshop
- American Wilderness Leadership School Week in Wyoming including “Conservation for Educators” and archery and firearm instructor training through local Safari Club sponsorship.
- WSU Extension Food Safety/Preservation training.



Youth Program Gardens

- Introduced 4-H gardening projects.
- Worked with WSU FoodSense to develop garden-based nutrition education program.
- Built new garden beds and container gardens at youth program locations.



Youth programs—field trips and 4-H projects



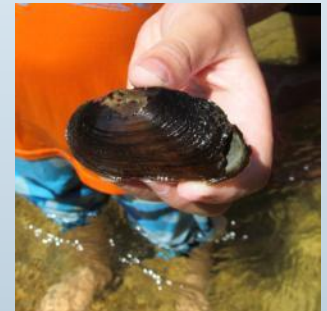


Stream studies at Indian Creek





Goose Creek Camp with the Camas Learning Center – July 2012



- Archery
- Stream Ecology



Goose Creek Camp with the Camas Learning Center



“... and the bit goes right here.”



Horsemanship with the
Back Country Horsemen of Washington



Career Day at the Kalispel Career Training Center

KT Career Development – Nov 2012

- 23 Community Employers
- 170 High School Students from four schools





Food sovereignty—Gathering

- Encampment, Herbal workshop, Culture Camp, Gathering expeditions.
- Community Hall traditional plant garden.
- Camas Seed collection for restoration.



Food Sovereignty—Adult Gardening Program

- Five hands-on garden workshops
- 13 Master Gardener-led classes
- Two garden and greenhouse tours for Senior program





Adult Gardening Program Results



- New raised bed community garden (Senior Program).
- Container tomato garden at Community Hall.
- At least 3 new backyard food gardens.





Healthy Eating and Food Safety

- 40 Tribal Youth Program FoodSense activities.
- 10 adult cooking classes at Kalispel Community Hall—150 participants.
- FRTEP staff food safety/preservation training.





Natural Resources-Fire

- KNRD prescribed burning and restoration projects.
- *Pend Oreille County Community Wildfire Protection Plan* expanded to include Kalispel Tribe.



Natural Resources--Workshops

2012 Tribal Extension Natural Resource Workshops:

- Weeds and Neighbors
- Washington Farm Forestry NE District Conference
- Family Forest Field Day





Successes

- Enthusiasm for FRTEP program
- Strong partnership with Tribal Youth Programs
- Extension and community support to leverage FRTEP funds



Program Completion Day



Challenges ...

- Reaching non-program youth
- Access to Tribal email lists
- Limited FRTEP staff time





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“In the future, we hope for a wonderful life.”



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